

REMARKS

Applicants hereby offer preliminary amendments to the present application to place the application in better form for allowance.

Applicants have canceled Claims 1-17 in favor of replacement Claims 18-33 to correct certain informalities (including avoidance of multiple dependencies, avoidance of use claims, and removal of preferences) and to clarify the intended meaning of the claims without materially altering their scope. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are fully supported in the specification.

Applicants have amended the specification to change the title to correspond to the English version of the title appearing on the International Application, to capitalize all letters in the title, and to insert a statement of priority. Applicants submit that these amendments serve only to clarify their application and do not alter the scope of their disclosure.

Applicants have amended the Abstract to change the title for the reasons discussed above and to change the heading and body to a more customary form. A copy of the new Abstract is separately attached.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

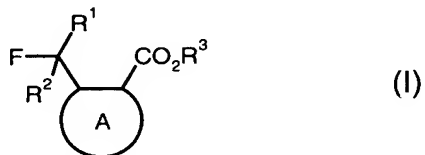
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METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
FLUOROMETHYL-SUBSTITUTED HETEROCYCLES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a process for preparing fluoromethyl-substituted heterocycles of the formula (I)



in which R¹, R², R³ and A are each as defined in the disclosure,
by fluorinating the corresponding chloromethyl-substituted precursors.